

REMARKS

Independent claims 7, 13, 19, 25 and 31 have been amended to conform tense and syntax and to improve their clarity. Thus, upon entry of this Paper, claims 1 through 36 will be pending.

Rejection of Claims 1-36 Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 1-36 have again been variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as obvious over Azema *et al.* (Japanese Patent Publication No. 2002-334685) in view of Azema (U.S. Patent No. 5,705,290) or obvious over Yamashita (Japanese Patent Publication No. 07-169506) in view of Aaltonen (U.S. Patent No. 6,824,917) or as obvious over Azema *et al.* in view of Azema '290 and further in view of Cho (U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0077484) or as obvious over Yamashita in view of Aaltonen and further in view of Azema *et al.*

As previously noted, none of the applied references teach pressfitting the lead plate without welding, as currently defined by the independent claims.

In view of the foregoing explanation and remarks, all claims are deemed to be allowable and this application is believed to be in condition to be passed to issue. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicants' attorney.

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